

SDSU treats Marines to an evening of basketball

BY CPL. SHAWN DICKENS
Chevron staff

Recent graduates of Company M, their families and those from Marine Corps Recruiting Depot San Diego visited Cox arena Dec. 4 for San Diego State University's Marine Night with the Aztecs.

Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, was designated honorary coach for the SDSU women's basketball team as they took on the University of California Riverside Highlanders.

Marine Band San Diego provided music for the spectators during intermissions.

The Marines and their families were the official guests of the SDSU Aztecs women's basketball team and received free admission to the Aztec's game against the USC Riverside Highlanders.

The game was the Aztecs first home game after being away for the past six consecutive road games that took them as far east as Connecticut and as far west as Hawaii.

In a pre-game speech, Brig. Gen. Salinas thanked the Aztecs for their support of the military and wished them luck during the game.

After her speech the general changed out of her

Marine Corps uniform and into civilian attire to take her place as honorary team coach. During the game she sat with the players courtside, cheered them on as they scored and even joined them during huddles on the sidelines.

During the halftime show drill instructors from the depot ran a push up competition with the winner receiving gift certificates from local establishments.

After the halftime events the Aztecs returned to the court to beat the Highlanders in the final seconds of the game 54-52. As the crowd cheered Gen. Salinas joined the Aztecs in shaking hands with the other team for playing a good game and then led the Aztecs in a celebratory cheer in the center of the court.



Brigadier Gen. Angie Salinas and members of the SDSU Aztecs women's basketball team look on as fellow teammate Jené Morris scores the winning shot of the game during the SDSU Marine Night Dec. 4. The SDSU Aztecs beat the UC Riverside Highlanders 54-52. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

Toys for Tots Car Show generates money and toys for Christmas

BY CPL. KEVIN M. KNALLAY
Chevron staff

More than 150 car enthusiasts participated in the holiday spirit of giving during the 5th annual Toys for Tots Car Show at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Dec. 6.

Contestants in the car show paid a \$10 fee and donated a toy to the Marine Reserve

Toys for Tots Foundation, which was started in 1947 and donates toys to children during the holidays.

More than \$1,000 in donations had been made by the shows spectators and participants in the form of toys and money donations. This year's contest also brought out nearly three times as many autos as last years show.



Visitors had the opportunity to see 150 vehicles at the Toys for Tots Car Show on the depot Dec. 6. Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron

"Today's show was a great success," said Jose Ortega Garcia, manager of the Auto Skills Center and host of the car show. "The weather was perfect; we had a lot of participation and a lot of beautiful cars here. Also, more importantly, we had a lot of donations for Toys for Tots."

Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general MCRD San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, presented the General's Choice award as well as the awards for the other categories. Before handing out awards, Brig. Gen. Salinas gave thanks to the entrants' donations, Marine Corps Community Services for their help to make it possible for others to have a happy holiday.

The Single Marine Program also provided pizza and refreshments to those attending the show and accepted donations for their program.

"There are a lot of great cars out here

that," said Sgt. Matthew P. Wee, SMP member and judge for the car show. "I was able to judge the custom category. It was a difficult job because all the cars looked great and you could tell their owners put a lot of time into them."

The car show had 10 categories: bullit, classic, custom, hot rod, import, low rider, most unique, motorcycle, muscle and trucks. Also, awards for General's Choice and People's Choice were given. Participants were judged on their automobile's appearance, style, detail and originality.

A 1957 Ford Thunderbird convertible, owned by Mark Waldow, won the General's Choice award. "It is just such a great looking car and has that classic look to it," said Brig. Gen. Salinas. "I wish I was driving a car like that when I was growing up."

Next year's car show is scheduled for Dec. 5. For more information call (619) 524-5240.

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Depot swimming facility named for WWII hero

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Marine Corps Recruit Depot’s swim-
ming facility is named Parke Hall in
remembrance of a Marine aboard the USS
Indianapolis during the last campaign of
World War II July 30, 1945.

According to www.fraindy.org, Capt.
Edward L. Parke, commanding officer
of the Marine detachment was one of 39
Marines aboard the Indianapolis while
it sailed from Guam to the Philippines.
It was common since the Revolutionary
War for armed Marines to occupy naval
ships, in case it was necessary to board
an enemy’s vessel. Marines were the first
ashore, the first to fight and often the
first to die. Marines also operated the
ship’s brig and much of the ship’s weapon
systems.

When the Indianapolis was struck
by a torpedo from the Japanese sub-
marine I-58, the ship capsized and
sank within 12 minutes, according to
www.history.navy.mil. During this time,
there was an underwater explosion that
was heard and felt by everyone.

According to, “All the Drowned Sail-
ors,” by Raymond B. Lech, the constant
breaking of waves over the men’s heads,
indigestion of salt water and fuel oil, and
the men absorbing the heat from the
tropical sun all contributed to the deaths
of many sailors and Marines.

As the water cleared, the men were
able to look beneath them and see sharks.
This did not help the inevitable delirium
caused by lack of food, fresh water, and
exposure to the elements, according to
Lech.

Parke was the leader of a group of
200 men, one of the largest groups in the

water. According to Lech, Parke was six-
feet, 200 pounds, strong and athletic, had
strong leadership abilities. He gave his life
jacket to a man and swam unsupported
until he found another life preserver.

According to Lech, Parke was strict
with his group and kept the situation
within control. His main objective was
to keep everyone together. Parke found
a cork life ring with 100 feet of attached
line. He used this to prevent drifting by
having his men grab a piece of it. This
formed a long line of men and naturally
began to curve, which was an excellent
defense against potential shark attacks.
Parke gathered the wounded in the mid-
dle and tied the strings on their jackets
to the life rings to minimized confusion.
If a man drifted off the line, Parke swam

to the man and brought him back to the
group.

According to, “Abandon Ship,” by
Richard F. Newcomb, Parke worked to
take care of his group and keep them
together until he collapsed due to extreme
exhaustion and quietly sank.

On Aug. 8, 1945, 316 men were rescued
out of a crew of 1,199. Only nine of the
survivors were Marines, according to
www.history.navy.mil.

Parke was awarded posthumously the
Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his
many acts of courage and selflessness.
Parke Hall’s swimming facility honors
Parke for his actions, including saving the
lives of many who would have otherwise
died, and for gallantly giving his life for
his country.



The depot swimming facility is used to train recruits in water survival, and for recreational and physical training. The facility, Parke Hall, is named for World War II Marine hero, Capt. Edward L. Parke, who was one of 39 Marines aboard the USS Indianapolis and is credited with helping its crewmen survive the ship’s sinking at the cost of his own life. Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Focusing on the true meaning of Christmas

BY GUNNERY SGT. LAURA
GAWECKI
MCRD San Diego Public Affairs

Christmastime was
magical when I was
a child. I loved the
decorated trees,
Christmas carols on the radio
and Nativity scenes on my
neighborhood lawns. Family
and strangers alike were
happy and respectful to one
another.

It was a warm, safe snow-
globe world.

Somewhere along the way,
the real meaning of Christmas
became hazy to me.

As I got older, I learned the

tradition of gift giving – not
ripping open gifts Christmas
morning with my brothers
and sisters. I received wish
lists from family and friends,
and focused on giving the
perfect gifts. This often
necessitated going to a number
of stores, fighting the crowds
and traffic and carrying
balances on my credit cards.
Often, their reactions to my
gifts weren’t as spectacular as I
had planned and my gifts were
sadly returned.

I fell into the consumerism
of Christmas.

The consumerism of
Christmas seems to have
heightened over the years. The

recent death of a Wal-Mart
security guard during a “Black
Friday” shopper stampede
the day after Thanksgiving
illustrates the deevolution
of Christmas from its real
intention: Celebrating the
birth of Jesus. The stampede
inadvertently taught children
that buying gifts is more
important than civility.

Although we celebrate
His birth, we must be quieter
about it now.

At some businesses
employees are told to say,
“Happy Holidays,” rather than
“Merry Christmas,” for fear
that they may offend. Recently,
in Seattle, a Nativity scene

sparked an atheist protest.

Regardless, I still believe
children should experience
the whole spectrum of
Christmastime – decorating
the tree, watching “How the
Grinch Stole Christmas,”
opening presents. But giving
hundred-dollar video games
and state-of-the-art electronic
gadgets skews the focus from
the real meaning of Christmas
to exploitive consumerism.

Though economists
predicted the Recession would
keep us from overspending
and extravagant gift-giving,
“Black Friday” sales still
increased a few percent this
year.

BRIEFS

Holiday Concert

The commanding general,
Marine Corps Recruit Depot San
Diego and Western Recruiting
Region, will host the annual Tree
Lighting and Holiday Concert
featuring Marine Band San Diego
Sunday at 6 p.m., at Pendleton
Hall. The event is free and open
to the public.

Santa at the Main Exchange Mall

Santa Claus will be available to-
morrow and December 20 from 11
a.m. to 3 p.m. at the depot’s Main
Exchange Mall for photos. Live
entertainment, music and refresh-
ments will be provided. For infor-
mation, call (619) 725-6400.

Mom’s Day Out

Take the opportunity to drop off
your children in order to shop on
base from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomor-
row between the Fieldhouse and the
Recreation Center. Refreshments,
holiday activities, games, a bounce
house and more will be provided.
For information, call Claudia Short
at (619) 524-0916.

No Tap Bowling Tournament

The No Tap Bowling Tournament
will be held tomorrow at the Rec-
reation Center. Check in is at 12:30
p.m. Games begin at 1 p.m. Prizes
and a bake sale will be featured.
Register at mccsmcrd.com. For in-
formation, call (619) 524-4446.

Semper Fit Strolling

Semper Fit Strolling classes are
open to authorized depot person-
nel Mondays and Wednesdays
from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Fit-
ness Center. For information, call
(619)524-4427 or (619) 524-8465.

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program
plans on and off-base activities
and community involvement for
single Marines and sailors.

The program supports the
overall quality of life of Marines
and sailors. It encourages the
planning of recreational and so-
cial activities and offers them the
opportunity to participate in and
contribute to their communities.

Meetings are held on the last
Wednesday each month at 3:30
p.m., at the Recreation Center,
Bldg. 590. This meeting is for
activity and event planning as
well as addressing any quality of
life issues for all MCRD single
Marines and sailors. Free pizza
and soda will be provided for all
attendees.

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The annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy collection pro-
gram continues until Dec. 21. Collected toys are distributed
to children in the local community for Christmas. Collection

boxes are distributed around the depot, and exhibit the
official toy train logo. Give a new toy and help make a Merry
Christmas for others.

Marines rescue residents from Lake Forest hotel fire

BY SGT. BRIAN KESTER
RS Fort Worth

A six-alarm fire at a Lake Forest, Calif., hotel Nov. 9, required 19 fire engines, six fire trucks, and approximately 100 firefighters. In the middle of it all were eight Marines who helped evacuate more than 100 people.

Pfc. Thomas O’Brien, an Irving, Texas, native, and seven other Marines were staying at the beach community when the fire broke out and quickly engulfed their hotel.

“We were checking out to go back to base to do our fire watch and when I walked out of the lobby I heard someone yelling, ‘Fire!’,” said O’Brien, a student at Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

O’Brien immediately warned the other Marines staying in the hotel with him. Pvt. Colton Oliver, a student at ITB, was relaxing in his room with some of the other Marines when O’Brien pounded on the door.

Startled, Oliver grabbed his gear, quickly threw it outside and took off running to warn the other residents.

“We started pounding on doors,” he said. “Door-to-door, floor-to-floor, we tried to get everyone out.”

Within minutes, the first two rooms of the hotel were engulfed in flames.

“Without even communicating we started at the core, right next to the fire,” Oliver said. “At first [our intent] was just to get the (people in the) rooms next to the fire but when it looked as though the fire would keep spreading, we expanded our search.”

The fire did spread quickly, and engulfed much of two major portions of the complex.

“The Marines proceeded to knock on each door and advised the sleeping guests to immediately evacuate,” said Chief Kris Concepcion, battalion

chief, Corporate Communications, Orange County Fire Authority, adding that many of the guests were still asleep because it was early Sunday morning.

“During the course of the Marines’ actions, heavy fire was encountered and their quick response undoubtedly saved many lives,” he said.

The Marines ran through clouds of smoke and fire to get more than 100 people safely out of harm’s way.

“We knew we were in danger but we just kept banging,” said O’Brien.

According to a story from the Orange County Register, Amy Amadito-Phelps was staying in a room on the second floor with her husband

and 14-month-old son when she heard the warning. She said that her family would probably have died if not for the Marines.

“We were right next to a room completely on fire and we couldn’t smell smoke,” said Amadito-Phelps. “No fire alarms were going off. The only thing we heard was Marines banging on our windows and telling us to get out.”

“We double- and triple-checked to ensure that no one was left in the building,” said O’Brien. “That would have been pretty devastating to know that someone was in the building.”

Concepcion said many of the guests said that all of these Marines were he-

roes and they were the reason that the motel guests were able to get out.

“When I look back on it, I think I could have gotten hurt, but I felt less a sense of danger for myself than for that woman with a child that had no idea that the building was on fire,” said Oliver, a Hampton, Ark., native.

Damages to the hotel estimated at \$5 million, according to the Orange County Fire Authority, with the cause under investigation.

“I believe the quick actions of these eight Marines saved many lives on this date,” said Concepcion adding that on Nov. 19, the Marines received a Certificate of Heroism from the Orange County Fire Authority.



(Top, left to right) Pvt. Colton Oliver, 18, from Hampton, Ark.; Pfc. Jessie A. McLaughlin, 19, from Medford, Ore.; Pvt. John D. Mick, 18, from Brush, Colo.; Pfc. Thomas J. O’Brien, 19, from Irvine, Texas. (Bottom, left to right) Pfc. Adam W. Reidling, 19, from Lake Forest, Calif.; brothers Pfc. Jeremy C. Hernandez, 18, and Pvt. Joshua D. Hernandez, 18 from Lake Forest; and Pfc. Jedediah J. Stock, 19, from Ramona, Calif, alerted and helped evacuate the sleeping guest of America’s Best Value Inn in Lake Forest, Calif., after O’Brien discovered a fire near a vending machine, Nov. 9. Cpl. Cindy G. Alejandre/RS Fort Worth

Tree Lighting & Holiday Concert

*It's free and open to the public
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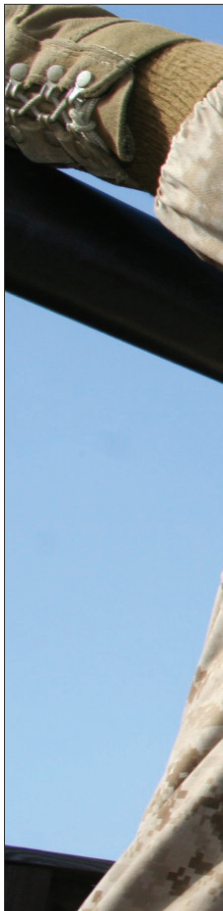
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Pvt. Jonathan Tinoco, Platoon 1002, Company A, crosses the rope bridge portion of the bayonet assault course during the Crucible at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 3. The Crucible is a 56 hour field training exercise designed to test recruits' limits through food and sleep deprivation during strenuous training. *Photo courtesy of Ryan Mekus*



A Company A recruit crosses one of the many obstacles where recruits are tested during the Crucible. *Photo courtesy of Ryan Mekus*



Pvt. Joey Sanchez, Platoon 1003, charges through a portion of the bayonet assault course during the Crucible Dec. 3. *Photo courtesy of Ryan Mekus*

Company A demonstrates teamwork

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

Throughout boot camp, leadership and teamwork are emphasized in all aspects of training, including the obstacle course. Company A recruits tackled the obstacle course within the first two days of the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., which tested the recruits' limits through food and sleep deprivation during strenuous training for 56 hours. The obstacle course is comprised of 10

obstacles, which demands physical strength from the upper body, said Staff Sgt. Brown, Platoon 1002, senior instructor. "Most recruits have a difficult time with the last obstacle, the rope, because by the end of the course they're very tired," he said. The most physically difficult obstacle on the course is being fatigued by a lack of food and sleep the day before. Pvt. Steve R. Vargas, Platoon 1001, Company A. The recruits go through the course in five fire teams, using team work to help each other and get everyone through the obstacle. Platoons are divided into



A recruit sashes through the mud during the bayonet assault course during the Crucible Dec. 3. *Photo courtesy of Ryan Mekus*



it climbs over an obstacle during the 12-stall portion of the Crucible. The 12-stall section features various recruits must work together to accomplish goals such as delivering simulated ammunition and supplies.

Teamwork on the Crucible obstacle course

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and squads are divided by fire teams, which consist of four or five recruits.
“Wearing full gear, each fire team has one or two ammunition cans they have to carry through the course, in addition to their rifles,” said Brown.
Squad leaders are chosen randomly before the recruits begin the course to give each recruit the opportunity to exercise their leadership skills, said Brown.
“Everyone wants to do it their way and they want to get through the course by themselves. Eventually we find a way that everyone agrees on,” said Vargas.
The recruits are given little direction,

giving them the freedom of choice to how they maneuver the obstacle course.
When the course has been completed, each drill instructor assigned to a squad discusses the obstacle course and how it could have been done differently to maximize efficiency, said Brown.
“I like to see the recruits gain a better understanding of the concepts of leadership and teamwork when the obstacle course has been completed,” said Brown.
“I learned the most important lesson in the course is to never give up not only on yourself, but on your other teammates as well,” said Vargas.



Pvt. Carl Shue, Platoon 1002, Company A, jumps into a fighting hole as part of the bayonet assault course during the Crucible Dec. 3. Photo courtesy of Ryan Mekus



Pfc. Josh A. McCormick, Platoon 1001, Company A is congratulated by Sgt. Rudy Reyes, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1001, during the Emblem Ceremony following the completion of the Crucible Dec. 4. During the ceremony, recruits receive their eagle, globe and anchor and the title Marine. Photo courtesy of Ryan Mekus

Buddhist finds balance between Corps and faith



Pvt. Daniel M. Xaysoncgkham has his hair cut Nov. 21. Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

Pvt. Daniel M. Xaysoncgkham, Company A, Platoon 1006, had thoughts about enlisting in the military as early as elementary school. However, he was a Buddhist. Considering Buddhists are known for their teaching of no war and no violence, Xaysoncgkham became concerned in middle school and lost interest. During high school, he concluded his religion would not conflict with his military interests.

“Buddhists are taught to

never kill intentionally or for wrong reasons,” said Xaysoncgkham, a Salina, Kansas, native, “but if it came down to it, if my life was at stake, I would have to defend myself.”

The 18-year-old has debated which is more important, disregarding circumstances and making no exceptions to the teaching or considering circumstances when it comes to the lives of others.

“If it is taking one life versus allowing one to take many others’ lives, I choose to take their one life,” said Xaysoncgkham.

But he has to remind himself of the importance to find

a balance, instead of using violence to solve problems.

At boot camp he learned a lot of people, not Buddhists exclusively, share the same beliefs.

“Many of us just want to be a better person, become more stabilized,” said Xaysoncgkham.

Although fundamentally Buddhism is similar to many other religions, its exterior, or approach is visibly different.

“X-ray,” the nickname the recruits gave Xaysoncgkham, frequently ask him how his religion is different than theirs, usually Christianity, he said.

“Xaysoncgkham is very open-minded. I often see him speaking with recruits, asking questions about others’ beliefs and answering a lot of questions about his religion,” said Staff Sgt. Harry C. Milbin, Platoon 1006, senior drill instructor, Company A.

Before boot camp, Xaysoncgkham practiced Buddhism by paying blessings to the Lao monks at nearby temples in Kansas. Once a month, he and his family would offer the monks gold, representing wealth, and rice, fruits and candy to represent health, he said.

In addition to going to the temple, Xaysoncgkham

would pray and offer fruit every night to a shrine in his parents’ room.

“We dedicated an entire wall to a layered temple-style shrine which included a monk statue made of pure gold, burning incense and flowers to represent life and fertility,” said Xaysoncgkham.

In boot camp, he attempts to replicate the meditation he did at home every night by draping extra shirts over his shoulders like he would have his robe at home, he said.

“During the free time and prayer time each night, I meditate to clear my mind of wrongful thoughts,” he said.

“I don’t think I am less stressed out than anyone else, but meditating helps a lot with stress here,” said Xaysoncgkham. “People don’t understand that everything affects everything.”

Coming to boot camp on the buddy program, which guaranteed he and his friend, Pvt. Tommy Bounsombath, would go though boot camp together if they sign up together, further alleviated stress for Xaysoncgkham as well.

“It helps especially because we share similar goals and beliefs. He is Buddhist as well,” he said.

Buddhism may alter the approach Xaysoncgkham uses to spiritually express himself, but his expectations and goals for himself are similar to many others.

“Being the youngest child of six, I feel like I need to prove something by being something great,” Xaysoncgkham said. “I want to have physical strength and strong leadership skills as well as pride and honor.”

Due to Xaysoncgkham’s ability to incorporate his beliefs into his lifestyle, he intends to teach his children the Buddhism religion just as it was taught to him. Also, if his children wanted to join the military, he would support them all the way, he said.

The Honorable Donald C. Winter

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

The Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter is the 74th Secretary of the Navy, sworn into office Jan. 2006. As Secretary of the Navy, Dr. Winter leads America’s Navy and Marine Corps team and is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$125 billion and almost 900,000 people.

Prior to joining the administration of President George W. Bush, Dr. Winter served as a corporate vice president and president of Northrop Grumman’s Mission Systems sector. In that position he oversaw operation of the business and its 18,000 employees, providing information technology systems and services; sys-

tems engineering and analysis; systems development and integration; scientific, engineering, and technical services; and enterprise management services. Dr. Winter also served on the company’s corporate policy council.

Previously, he served as president and CEO of TRW Systems; vice president and deputy general manager for group development of TRW’s Space & Electronics business; and vice president and general manager of the defense systems division of TRW. From 1980 to 1982, he was with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency as program manager for space acquisition, tracking, and pointing programs.

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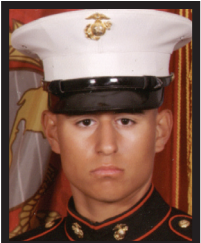
Dr. Winter earned a bachelor’s degree (with highest distinction) in physics from the University of Rochester in 1969. He received a master’s degree and a doctorate in physics from the University of Michigan in 1970 and 1972, respectively. He is a 1979 graduate of the USC Management Policy Institute, a 1987 graduate of the UCLA Executive Program, and a 1991 graduate of the Harvard University Pro-

gram for Senior Executives in National and International Security. In 2002, he was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering.





Platoon 1002
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PLATOON HONOR MAN
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PLATOON HONOR MAN
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Gresham, Ore.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. D. Reeves



Platoon 1005
PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. A. V. Martinez Jr.
Delaro, Calif.
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Pvt. D. M. Bowman
Pvt. Z. K. Brendemuhl
Pvt. S. A. Brenner
Pvt. K. R. Brown
Pfc. L. E. Buscemi
Pfc. I. Cabrera-Sandoval
Pvt. J. D. Castaned Jr.
Pfc. S. B. Cooper
Pvt. M. S. Corwin
Pvt. J. A. Cosgrove
Pvt. S. L. Erickson
*Pfc. B. K. Etterlein
Pvt. K. L. Ferguson
Pvt. J. C. Fierro
Pfc. K. S. Fredrickson
Pvt. P. E. Funk
Pvt. A. J. Garcia Jr.
*Pfc. G. A. Garcia
Pvt. M. S. Garcia
Pvt. J. D. Green
Pvt. N. Helland
Pfc. N. S. Her
Pvt. A. Hernandez-Angel
Pvt. S. M. Hinchee
Pvt. J. C. Hinschberger
Pfc. G. E. Hollon
Pvt. M. N. Hoosline
Pvt. K. R. Johnston
Pvt. C. H. Kirkpatrick
Pvt. C. J. Kronyak
Pvt. D. A. Lasater
Pvt. C. M. Malottki
Pvt. J. R. Marlette
Pfc. J. B. Martin
*Pfc. J. A. McCormick
Pvt. C. T. McDonald
Pvt. E. M. McMullen
Pvt. J. Z. Meditz
Pvt. M. E. Meek
Pfc. W. A. Moebest
Pfc. M. J. Money
*Pfc. J. P. Montenegro
Pvt. M. Morales
Pvt. I. Murrillo
Pvt. B. G. Nayaduarte
Pvt. A. Nguyen
Pvt. J. A. Obiedo
Pvt. N. M. O'Brien
Pvt. R. S. Ogilvie
*Pfc. T. J. Partain
Pvt. F. W. Pasket
Pvt. K. Perry
Pfc. J. C. Price-Johnson
Pfc. C. E. Raire
Pvt. J. Ramirez-Herrera
Pvt. V. R. Rascon
Pvt. M. L. Reasoner
Pvt. R. T. Reed
Pvt. J. D. Reinke
Pfc. T. L. Reyno

Pvt. C. B. Ring
Pvt. J. A. Rivas Jr.
Pvt. J. S. Robbins
Pvt. J. B. Robinson
Pvt. N. Rodriguez Jr.
Pvt. J. Rodriguez-Tapia
Pvt. R. Russell
Pvt. T. T. Schrock
Pfc. J. R. Schwichtenberg
Pvt. J. A. Styer II
*Pfc. S. R. Vargas
Pvt. D. M. Wilson
Pvt. J. P. Yount

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Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. A. Brown
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. B. M. Alfro
Staff Sgt. A. Alicea
Staff Sgt. P. P. Delahantry
Staff Sgt. C. I. MacLeod

Pvt. L. B. Anderson
Pvt. B. C. Baker
Pvt. D. S. Beaumont
Pvt. D. P. Bergman
Pvt. B. S. Bigney
*Pfc. A. M. Blanche
Pfc. M. E. Bolanos
Pvt. J. E. Buszinski
Pvt. D. C. Cardiel
Pfc. M. A. Combs
Pvt. J. S. Delgado
Pvt. E. F. Dominguez Jr
Pvt. S. W. Douglas
Pvt. J. A. Downey
Pvt. M. J. Eastman
Pvt. D. C. Eaton
Pvt. I. J. Eden
Pvt. N. Elizondo
Pfc. D. B. Ellis
Pvt. R. Enriquez
Pvt. S. A. Erwin
*Pfc. J. A. Fagg
Pvt. B. S. Fernandez
Pfc. J. Gil Jr.
Pfc. J. V. Gilliam Jr.
Pfc. J. L. Gloria Jr.
Pvt. J. J. Gray
Pvt. C. M. Harper
Pfc. J. L. Hayes
Pvt. J. S. Heintz
Pvt. Z. J. Henbury
Pvt. D. E. Hernandez
Pvt. E. E. Herrera
Pvt. T. Hunt
Pvt. J. T. Jackson
Pvt. I. N. Jarvis
Pvt. D. M. Johnson
Pvt. T. E. Kelly
Pvt. D. M. Kiel
Pvt. S. G. Korb
Pvt. K. R. Larabee
Pvt. B. M. Lindsley
Pfc. B. A. Lofton
Pvt. W. N. Lor
Pvt. V. A. Lugo
Pvt. T. H. Ly
Pvt. R. A. Mannix
Pfc. E. Marroquin Jr.
Pvt. D. M. Martin
Pvt. J. A. Martinez Jr.
Pvt. A. T. Mason
*Pfc. T. J. Masters Jr.
Pvt. M. C. Maston
*Pfc. D. M. McKay
Pvt. D. L. Menchaca
Pvt. P. Mendoza Jr.
Pvt. Z. R. Mullin
Pvt. C. J. Nasca
Pvt. C. E. Nelson
*Lance Cpl. V. M. Peak
*Pfc. T. D. Perry
Pvt. C. J. Phelps
Pvt. A. J. Pohle
Pvt. J. M. Poor
Pvt. T. D. Pretzer
Pvt. D. E. Ramirez II
Pvt. E. Rios
Pvt. R. C. Rivera
Pvt. C. J. Riveravallejo
Pvt. N. G. Ronning

Pfc. G. A. Sanchez
Pvt. T. M. Seblod
Pvt. O. A. Shonoiki
Pvt. M. R. Shotliffbramilla
Pvt. C. A. Shue
Pvt. J. H. Tinoco

PLATOON 1003

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. R. H. Troncatti II
Drill Instructors
Sgt. C. D. Desaboia
Sgt. S. A. Garrett
Sgt. C. P. Hoover
Sgt. J. E. Salazar

*Pfc. C. M. Bader
Pvt. J. B. Barnes
Pvt. K. L. Barnum
Pfc. A. J. Barrow
Pvt. A. W. Booth
Pfc. W. E. Boyer
Pvt. N. B. Broms
Pfc. L. T. Bryson
Pvt. A. B. Carson
Pvt. C. R. Cassell
Pvt. J. B. Christopher
Pvt. C. J. Cook
Pvt. M. A. Corral
Pfc. T. D. Cox
Pvt. C. D. Davis
Pvt. D. Demchuk
Pvt. E. M. Duemler
Pvt. J. E. Duval
Pvt. K. Emishyan
Pvt. D. J. Enge
Pvt. J. S. Evans
Pfc. K. C. Everitt
Pvt. J. Flores
Pvt. J. R. Floyd
*Pfc. J. C. Ford
Pfc. M. A. Gangwish
Pvt. N. E. Garcia
Pfc. C. O. Gaytan
Pvt. T. W. Gearhart
Pfc. P. J. Georgeff
Pvt. C. E. Goodson
Pvt. M. B. Hanold
Pvt. B. L. Hardt
Pvt. M. R. Hargrove
*Pfc. A. J. Harris
Pvt. C. A. Harris
Pvt. J. H. Heimbach
Pvt. P. C. Hentze
Pvt. R. J. Hernandez
Pvt. J. P. Hicov
Pvt. J. D. Hillaire
Pvt. J. M. Hockemeyer
Pvt. A. A. Irvin
Pvt. M. A. Jackson
Pvt. T. J. Kotlowski
*Pfc. S. H. Laupan
Pvt. S. D. Lewallen
Pvt. S. D. Malsh
Pvt. C. P. Martin
Pvt. J. Mattison
Pfc. R. W. McCorkel
Pvt. K. T. McNeilly
Pfc. J. S. Molina
Pvt. J. L. Morales
Pvt. J. E. Morgan
Pvt. M. D. Mosher
Pvt. D. R. Munyon
Pvt. B. W. Muth
Pvt. B. J. Nalezinski
Pvt. Z. D. Niedfeldt
Pvt. B. N. Nussbaumer
Pvt. A. Y. Ornelas
*Pfc. E. L. Page
Pvt. J. T. Pendergraph
Pvt. D. L. Peterson
Pvt. J. A. Phillips
Pvt. M. C. Phillips
Pvt. D. J. Pyfer
*Pfc. A. F. Rivera
Pvt. S. Rodriguez
Pvt. B. F. Rouse
Pvt. J. M. Siefken
Pvt. R. A. Streeter
Pvt. J. F. Tapangco
Pvt. P. A. Tucker
Pvt. S. Z. Wells
Pvt. J. R. Wright

SERIES 1005

Series Commander
Capt. F. L. Camp
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Staff Sgt. E. Cortes

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Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. T. P. Parks
Drill Instructors
Sgt. A. L. Davenport
Sgt. A. B. Ignacio
Sgt. D. G. Walters

Pvt. J. L. Achig
*Pfc. J. H. Acosta
Pvt. E. Alcaraz-Bravo
Pfc. J. M. Arcedeloera
Pvt. A. J. Banuelos
Pfc. F. G. Barba
Pvt. A. B. Barragan
Pvt. D. S. Berry
Pvt. W. E. Bode
Pvt. M. A. Boecking
Pvt. B. D. Calixto
Pvt. J. G. Cano
Pvt. E. Castillo
Pvt. J. R. Castro
Pfc. J. P. Chacon-Vega
Pvt. J. Chang
Pvt. M. A. Chavez
Pvt. J. P. Cooper
Pvt. B. S. Denny
Pfc. D. T. Diaz
Pfc. A. J. Dockey
Pvt. A. F. Dumbrique
Pvt. T. T. Embrywhite
*Pfc. J. J. Ewan
Pvt. E. J. Fields
Pfc. M. P. Flynn
Pvt. D. L. Gathings
Pvt. J. Gaviria
Pfc. R. T. Gillesby
Pvt. T. A. Goetz
Pvt. D. A. Gonzalez
Pvt. J. A. Gonzalez
Pvt. J. A. Gonzalez
Pvt. S. Gonzalez
Pvt. C. Hernandez
Pvt. T. Hwang
Pvt. R. M. Jimenez
*Pfc. A. D. King
Pvt. A. Landino
Pvt. A. V. Lochelt
*Pfc. A. V. Martinez Jr.
Pvt. E. Martinez-Cervantes
Pvt. F. Mejorada
Pfc. J. A. Myers
Pvt. A. A. Oliva II
Pfc. A. Osorio
Pvt. D. A. Padilla
Pvt. J. G. Palma-Gonzalez
Pvt. R. Pardo III
Pfc. N. Perez
Pvt. C. A. Perry
Pvt. W. J. Ramirez
Pfc. M. T. Resendez
Pvt. A. Rodriguez
Pfc. E. Rodriguez
Pvt. M. E. Sanchez
Pvt. B. J. Sanders
Pvt. T. E. Scott
Pvt. J. L. Sedita
Pvt. T. A. Thomas
Pvt. T. J. Tighe
Pfc. J. C. Trejo
Pvt. R. Valdez
Pvt. P. J. Valladolid
Pfc. D. B. VanAlstein
Pvt. D. Vasquez
Pfc. B. D. Vassar
Pvt. D. Venegas
Pvt. K. R. Viaes
Pvt. C. J. Wancho
*Pfc. C. R. Whitaker
Pvt. J. G. Willging
Pvt. J. M. Williams
Pvt. K. D. Williams
*Pfc. D. K. Woode
Pvt. J. T. Wright Jr.

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Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. H. C. Milbin
Drill Instructors
Sgt. M. Flores
Sgt. J. M. Prichard
Sgt. M. B. Thomas

Pvt. J. Aguilar
Pvt. J. L. Alvarez
Pvt. J. C. Baeza
Pvt. T. B. Baker

Pvt. E. T. Bartle
Pvt. S. P. Beagle
Pfc. M. R. Bethke
Pvt. J. C. Bieniek
Pvt. S. T. Boehm
Pvt. T. Bounsombath
Pvt. C. A. Campbell
Pvt. J. A. Cardoza
Pfc. E. J. Cervantes-Hernandez
Pvt. F. Choi
Pvt. C. A. Clarke
Pfc. J. C. Colby
Pvt. T. Combs
Pvt. M. T. Crawford
Pvt. J. J. Davila
Pvt. N. P. Dougherty
Pfc. D. L. Draughn
Pfc. L. D. Edgeworth
Pvt. N. J. Edwards
Pvt. R. J. Eggleston
Pvt. C. A. Flores
Pvt. B. A. Forbes
Pfc. D. R. Fuller
Pvt. M. D. Gaeta
Pvt. B. A. Green
Pvt. Z. C. Hascall
Pvt. B. Hennelly
Pfc. F. Hernandez-Orozco
Pfc. A. Hollins
Pvt. R. F. Iaulualo
Pvt. B. J. Jardin
Pvt. B. A. Jefferson
Pfc. J. R. Jensen
Pvt. D. H. Johnston
Pvt. A. F. Keeler
Pvt. F. V. Lindsey
*Pfc. J. E. Lohman
Pvt. R. K. Lovell
Pvt. S. A. Lutz
*Pfc. Z. W. Lyon
Pvt. B. J. Mann
Pvt. C. J. Mason
Pvt. L. C. McDowell
Pvt. K. B. Miller
*Pfc. B. Morales
Pfc. M. A. Morales
Pvt. K. S. O'Brien
Pvt. M. A. Peters
Pfc. B. S. Phipps
Pfc. T. A. Pollard
Pvt. D. M. Powell
Pfc. D. S. Radford
Pvt. J. D. Ranada
Pvt. J. J. Richer
Pvt. C. A. Rivette
Pvt. A. D. Roberts
Pvt. P. R. Robertson
Pvt. A. D. Rowark
*Pfc. J. Sadlowski
Pvt. I. M. Scott
Pfc. E. R. Shannon
Pvt. B. K. Slayter
Pvt. J. R. Smith
Pvt. K. J. Smythe
*Pfc. T. L. Solberg
Pvt. J. S. Southwick
Pvt. J. A. Srader
Pvt. J. L. Stevenson
*Pfc. J. J. Vanspyker
Pvt. J. W. Vanzyll
Pfc. B. K. Woolsey
Pvt. D. M. Xaysongkham

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Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. N. J. Schoemer
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. J. A. Alvarez
Staff Sgt. M. D. Clark
Staff Sgt. V. Gonzalez
Sgt. J. Duron

Pvt. A. L. Adams
Pfc. R. Bruno
Pvt. J. M. Campas
*Pfc. B. T. Chappell
Pvt. J. J. Erskine
Pvt. J. M. Gerber
Pvt. V. M. Koenig
Pvt. J. M. Lashua
*Pfc. R. B. Lopez
Pvt. I. Mendez-Ochoa
Pvt. J. A. Morrow

Pfc. M. D. Ochoa
Pvt. D. M. Reyna
Pvt. D. R. Rhoades
Pvt. O. P. Rios
Pvt. R. L. Ryan
Pvt. A. Salazar
Pvt. C. A. Sanches
Pfc. S. J. Sheldon
Pvt. R. C. Shirk
Pvt. J. W. Smith
Pfc. J. D. Smulski
Pvt. C. A. Sommer
Pvt. D. D. Souza
Pfc. R. D. Spann
Pvt. M. B. Speckhard
Pvt. M. A. Sproull
Pfc. M. A. Stakkeland
Pvt. B. C. Stapley
Pfc. L. K. Stekell
Pvt. T. S. Suleman
Pvt. K. A. Sullivan
Pvt. L. L. Sullivan
Pvt. K. J. Sutton
Pfc. T. J. Swiontek
Pvt. C. R. Talbot
Pvt. S. M. Tarbet
Pvt. J. M. Tarnowski
Pvt. B. M. Thompsons
Pvt. Z. R. Thompson
Pfc. A. R. Tibesar
Pvt. L. F. Tinoco
Pvt. D. L. Toledo
Pvt. R. J. Tracy
*Pfc. J. R. Treesh
*Pfc. N. C. Truan
Pvt. J. C. Tuilock
Pvt. K. J. Tuttle
Pfc. T. D. Updegrave
Pfc. K. D. Vandercook
Pvt. S. P. Vasqiez
Pvt. J. Vasquez
Pfc. I. A. Vawter
Pfc. R. S. Veazey
Pvt. M. Veliz
Pvt. K. M. Vincent
Pfc. N. Vo
Pvt. J. H. Wagner
Pvt. B. J. Walman
Pvt. B. L. Waters
*Pfc. T. G. Watkins
Pvt. R. S. Weathermon
Pvt. C. M. Weyand
Pfc. P. R. White
Pfc. K. S. Wilkinson
Pvt. M. W. Williams
Pfc. T. L. Williams
Pvt. S. M. Woodruff
Pvt. A. J. Yazzie
Pvt. M. S. Ybarra
Pvt. C. R. Young
Pvt. A. Zarate
Pvt. J. E. Zelif
Pvt. A. J. Zimmerman
Pvt. D. Zuniga

*Denotes meritorious promotion

H&S Bn takes home the depot bacon in Commanding General's Cup games

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Chevron Staff

The annual Commanding General's Cup competition concluded Dec. 5, with the field meet, the final event in which participants competed in a series of games at the depot boat house.

The winner of the field meet was Recruit Training Regiment, second place was Headquarters and Service Battalion and third place was 12th Marine Corps District.

"The teamwork that the drill instructors use on a daily basis reflected in how well Recruit Training Regiment did during the Field Meet," said Staff Sgt. Matthew A. Harris, drill instructor, Company B, RTR.

Though RTR won the field meet, it was not enough to cover the 73-point lead H&S

had going in, resulting in H&S taking home the CG's Cup for the third year in a row.

The events in which the teams participated were an egg toss, the four-man push-up, a dizzy izzy relay race, a kayak relay race, tug-o-war and a running relay race. Basketball, softball, flag football and dodgeball are just a few of the 20 events that make up the CG's Cup.

"H&S shows up to the events with winning in mind," said Sgt. Maj. Donald Jones, H&S Battalion sergeant major. "I knew that we would win the CG's Cup in the end, and the battalion is going to get next year's as well."

Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas gave her thanks to the hard work and effort of the Marines and sailors aboard the depot, bringing the tourney to an end.

"The CG's Cup is a great way for the Marines to have

healthy competition between one another," said Master Sgt. Larry D. Thomas, finance chief, Service Company, H&S Battalion.

Rachel Dickinson, CG's Cup sports coordinator, said 2008 was a good year in CG Cup sports in which there was good support of the program through the commands.

"I hope that 2009 is as successful as 2008 was and expect to see a push from other commands hoping to try and steal the cup away from H&S Battalion, who has won it the past three years," said Dickinson.

Next year's CG Cup events kick off with the volleyball competition scheduled for Jan. 13.



Master Sgt. Larry D. Thomas, finance chief, Service Company, H&S Battalion, jumps to block the ball during a volleyball game before the official start of the field meet. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

Final 2008 Standings		
1st	H&S Bn	433 pts.
2nd	RTR	388 pts.
3rd	12th MCD	232 pts.
4th	Coast Guard	191 pts.
5th	Med/Dental	89 pts.



H&S Battalion Marines pull against RTR in the tug-o-war portion of the field meet. RTR went on to win both the event and the overall field meet. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*



Marines paddle during the kayak relay race that took place at the CG's Cup Field Meet Dec. 5. Recruit Training Regiment won the meet's first place title, while Headquarters and Service Battalion took second, and 12th Marine Corps District placed third. H&S Battalion won the CG's Cup for the season. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*